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Happy Thanksgiving to my D&D family! As the end of 2020 grows near, I hope we all can reflect on the year and remember at least some moments of success, happiness, and good fortune. That can certainly be a challenge for a lot of our fellow ADDC members, family, and friends with everything this crazy year has thrown at us. It seemed like around every corner, when we thought the light at the end of the tunnel would finally appear, there was only another long and dark stretch of highway. Let's all continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and a fast recovery for our nation's people and businesses.

Congratulations to our newly elected 2021 Officers: President-Elect, Philana Thompson; Treasurer, Barbara Pappas, and Secretary, Connie Bass. Each of them is passionate about ADDC, I'm sure they will bring some great experience and new ideas to help lead us in 2021!

The 2020 ADDC Board of Directors had a successful virtual board meeting, via Zoom Meeting, on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board heard reports and requests from ADDC Committee Chairs, discussed 2020 membership numbers, and ADDC finance. As we all are aware, this has been a slow-moving year for the Association. The pandemic brought membership meetings pretty much to a halt in the early months this year. Some clubs were able to get some meetings in by video conference, and some have been able to manage to have some physical meetings in more recent months. With D&D activities curtailed, most of our committees did not have a much going on. However, the Club Bylaws/Guidelines Review Committee was able to work on updating some committee guidelines and review the club bylaws that were sent in according to the schedule outlined in our ADDC Bylaws. Several clubs have not submitted their bylaws for review, and it is important to note, that clubs who have not submitted their bylaws for review, may not have a voting delegate at their Region Meeting or Convention. The 2020 Club Bylaws/Guidelines Review Committee will not review any more bylaws this year, so any bylaws received for review through the end of 2020 will be passed on to the 2021 committee who will have only a short time to review them prior to 2021 Region Meetings.

The ADDC Board still asks for our members to still put health and safety as the top priority; especially now as new COVID-19 cases are reaching all-time highs in most of the country. Remember that normal meeting requirements have been suspended this year since most state and local regulations had restrictions on group gatherings to help prevent the spread of the virus. We want each member to understand the importance of staying healthy until we can all meet again without putting ourselves at risk. Just be safe!

*"Well done is better than well said." Benjamin Franklin*

*Keith*